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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT : Weekly Activity Report

- Lyman Hamilton of the Bureau of the Budget were briefed on the activities of the EE Division by Mr. Bress, Chief, EE Division and his staff. The major point developed during the course of this briefing revolved around the representation of the BD/P complex in the CCB working group. Questions were raised as to whether the EE Division had been given an adequate opportunity to provide their comments concerning certain OCB papers prior to their consideration by OCB Planning Board. The briefing that was planned for Thursday, 3 February, on the WE Division was cancelled at the request of the Bureau of the Budget representatives and has been rescheduled for Tuesday, 15 February at 2:00 p.m.
- 2. Substantial progress was made in the preparation of the material for the Congressional Budget. Spread sheets have been duplicated and are now available, and approximately three-fourths of the Congressional Budget material is now in the hands of Reproduction. This material should be returned to us early next made.
- 3. A short list of projects for use in the Congressional Budget was completed and will be available for discussions in connection with the Congressional Budget.
- 4. Due to the frequent turnover of card punch operators in the Machine Records Division tentative arrangements have been made with the Interim Assignment Section to recruit and maintain a pool of about five card punch operators for assignment to the Office of the Comptroller. In the event, upon security clearance, there is no slot available in the Office of the Comptroller, the operator will be released for assignment to other Offices.
- sentatives of the IO Division met with Comptroller and Business Manager, to discuss the withdrawal of from this project. Arrangements were made for his withdrawal effective 15 February 1955, and for his utilization in developing accounting procedures for two other Agency projects and subsequently his assignment to training courses offered by the Office of Training.

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6. A member of TAS has developed in collaboration with the Chief. Special Purchase Branch and the Finance Division a revised schedule for the Chief, Special Purchase Branch to use in supporting accountings submitted in connection with funds advanced to him for covert purchases. The revised schedule was desired as a result of a vendor's offering to return to the Chief, Special Purchase Branch a cash discount refund (10%) once a month upon the presentation of evidence of purchases. In order for the Finance Division to establish accounting control over the "discounts due" as purchases are reported, a column was provided on the revised schedule whereby the Pinance Division would establish as accounts receivable amounts equal to the discounts earned pending collection by the Chief, Special Parchase Branch. There is no control method that could be established to make sure that all such discounts are reported. The Office of the Comptroller has to rely on the integrity of the personnel effecting such purchases to report all discounts received.

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NEMCRANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Administration)
SUBJECT : Weekly Activity Report
1. Informal discussions were held with the Bureau of the Budget concerning the working group report on the proposed financing of Intelligence Activities. Representatives of the Bureau of the Budget were briefed on the activities of the FI Staff on Tuesday, 11 January, and on the activities of the TSS Staff on Thursday, 13 January. Mr. Macy attended the briefing on FI Staff Activities, while Messrs. attended both of the briefings. The present schedule calls for briefing of the Bureau of the Budget representatives on war plans and the activities in the WE Division during this coming week.
2. Meetings were held with case officers and other representatives of the ID/P area to discuss the form and submission of the operating budgets for the fiscal year 1956 on Projects
3. Arrangements have been made with ID/P-Admin. to notify the appropriate senior representatives of the planned visit of Mr. Macy of the Bureau of the Budget. Mr. Macy has indicated that he wishes to discuss our operations with the senior representatives, particularly regarding program trends, project developments, and inter-Agency coordination in the field. He has also indicated that he wishes to discuss similar matters with Ambassadors and appropriate Embassy staff members. His itinerary will rum from 22 January through 13 February and will include
4. A member of the Technical Accounting Staff attended a meeting with a representative of DD/P-Admin. for the purpose of discussing the proposed MB Financial Control Procedures for Property (Namual Method) and proposed MB Allotment Control Procedures for Transportation of Things. There did not appear to be any major objections to either handbook and it is contemplated that favorable comments would be received in the near future.

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of Finance Division has accordingly been detailed to I&R and is presently on duty in that Division.

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